

# **Barrington Recreation Department**

## **Redemption Road Proposal for Parcel #: 234-0001-0006**



Dear Select Board Members,

Thank you for allowing us time to evaluate this opportunity and how it could benefit the Recreation Department as well as Barrington residents. After assessing Parcel Number 234-0001-0006 on Redemption Road, the Recreation Commission and Department have a great interest in developing the property for recreational use. While discussing and evaluating the potential uses of this property, the Department has referenced the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan (NASP) completed by GreenPlay in October of 2019 to consider potential uses for the space.

After considering the recommendations and departmental weaknesses identified by GreenPlay in the NASP, the Recreation Department and Commission are interested in a phased development of the lot. Initially the Department would like to propose a phased plan. Phase One would be the short-term goal of developing a multipurpose, open green space. The Department would initially utilize the space to host community events such as a summer concert series, Trunk or Treat, community movie nights, specialty sport programs, adult sport leagues and more.

During Phase One, the Department would also like to construct a large pavilion equipped with electricity on the green space. The pavilion would be used to house bands for concerts and power projection equipment for movie nights. It could also be rented for events and used during recreation programs to provide shade and shelter as needed. Additionally, the Department would like to include a half mile walking path around the perimeter of the lot. This could be used by residents looking for a flat path for walking or running. It could also be used for a senior walking program, or community events such as the Annual Egg Hunt, adding a haunted walk to the Trunk or Treat event and many other recreational opportunities.

The NASP states that residents want, “more variety in programs and program schedules,” “more programs and activities for adults,” “more community events and diverse opportunities for social events,” (30-31). By creating field space, the Department would be able to offer a variety of new programming for youth, teens, adults, and seniors that current limitations do not allow for.

The Recreation Department and Commission are excited about the recreational possibilities this property provides for Barrington. The Department’s goal is to continue meeting the community’s needs and serve all residents. Thank you again for the chance to explore recreational uses for this property. The Recreation Department and Commission are eager to work collaboratively on this project to offer expanded recreational opportunities for the Town of Barrington.

Sincerely,

The Barrington Recreation Department and Recreation Commission

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